

Master Gardeners of Mercer County  
Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Mercer County

# ***GARDEN SCENTS AND SENSIBILITY***

*A Garden Symposium*  
**March 17, 2012**  
**Stuart Country Day School, Princeton, NJ 08540**

LECTURE TOPICS

## KEN DRUSE: *NATURAL COMPANIONS*



Natural Companions: revealing plants that go together aesthetically and culturally and flowers that bloom at the very same time.

Award-winning garden writer and photographer Ken Druse presents recipes for perfect plant pairings using diverse species. Unlike most presentations on companion planting, which come from England, this talk shows heat- and cold-tolerant varieties that will thrive in Connecticut. Organized by theme within seasons, topics include color, fragrance, foliage, grasses, wetlands and ponds, edible flowers and much more.

Along with the garden photos, the presentation based on Ken's new book (his 18<sup>th</sup>), *Natural Companions* also features special botanical images of amazing depth

and color created in collaboration with Connecticut artist Ellen Hoverkamp using modern digital technology. She arranged cuttings of plants and flowers, often grown specifically by Ken and well-known local garden artists, on and above the glass surface of an oversized flatbed scanner. The results are stunning images with unique depth and clarity.

People will find recipes, almost like a swatch book, of plant combinations for inspiration. All presented in Ken's witty style and stunning presentation techniques.

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## TOVAH MARTIN: *TROWELS AND TOMORROW: GARDEN STEWARDSHIP*



The beauty of gardens is that they mature. This is a lecture about horticultural preservation, stewardship, and how gardeners grapple with change. We address the challenges of bringing landscapes into the next generation. Whether you have inherited a landscape or created a garden over decades and now face mature trees and shrubs that require preemptive pruning or relocation, we explore issues and answers. We look at woodland gardens and grand estates, we explore gardens great and small. We tackle such sticky wickets as rehabilitating overgrown boxwood hedges and coping with plants that were once considered exotics but have now been unmasked as invasives. This is a lecture about bringing yesterday's gardens into tomorrow. But we also talk about plant preservation and heirloom varieties, honoring the people who have worked to preserve vintage ornamentals so those plants with a past can become the superstars of future gardens.

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## BARBARA J. BROMLEY: *CONVERSATION WITH BARBARA*



Whether it's a problem with petunias or choosing the right plant in the right place, Barbara J. Bromley, Mercer County Horticulturist, can help you solve your gardening problems. Barbara is recognized throughout the horticultural community of New Jersey as one of our best gardening diagnosticians—and she does lawns too! She teaches professional and home grounds continuing education courses, lectures for Master Gardener programs, garden clubs, and civic groups on horticultural topics and environmental responsibility throughout

New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and is a gardening reference for local television, radio and newspapers. Her specialties are turfgrass management, composting, insects, IPM practices, provides information for lawn, landscape and public health professionals, commercial pest control operators and residential clients. So bring questions, bring samples and bring concerns to the Saturday Symposium for one-on-one guidance on practical, responsible gardening to help you have the best garden in your neighborhood.

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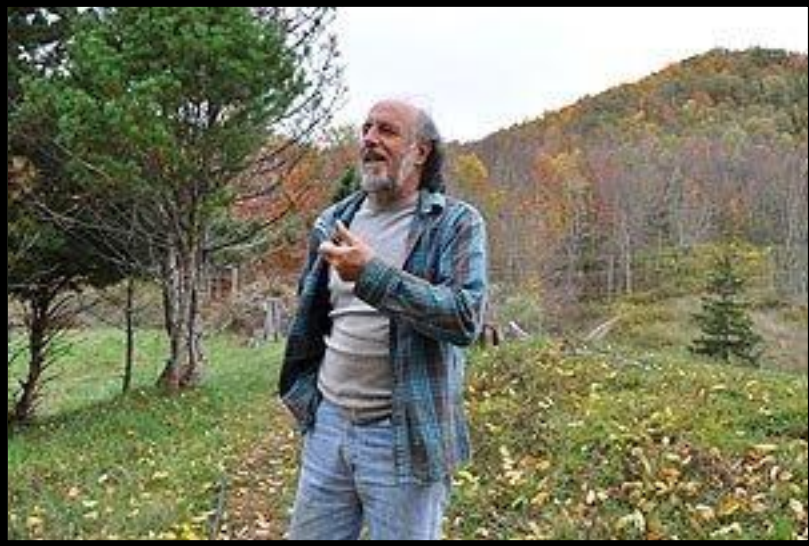
## WILLIAM CULLINA: *THE BOTANY OF DESIGN*



Using his latest book, *Understanding Perennials* as a starting point, Bill Cullina tackles the thorny subject of garden design in a completely different way. In this fun and information filled talk he explores such things as the reasons for big leaves, variegation, red foliage and flowers and ways to create more satisfying designs without breaking the budget. He looks at life beyond the color wheel, the importance of healthy soil and reveals some of his best horticultural secrets while weaving together aesthetics, psychology, botany, and ecology into a fascinating one hour ride. It is a talk that beginning gardeners as well as seasoned pros will both learn from and enjoy.

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## BARRY GLICK: *WONDERS OF THE WILD*



Having developed a deep love for Native Plants living in the wilds of West Virginia and through his work in plant propagation, Barry Glick will share with us the exquisite beauty of the wild plants which deserve a place in our garden. Focusing on North American natives, his images give insight into the beauty to be had in developing a garden with a sense of place through the use of our native plants.

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